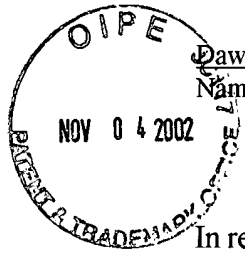


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

October 30, 2002

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert as a new paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of earlier filed International Application No. PCT/JP99/07152 filed December 20, 1999.

REMARKS

No questions of new matter are raised by the above amendment. Entry of the above amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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